GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2510
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DECLINE IN PRICES OF FOODGRAINS AND CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that prices of foodgrains and cash crops are falling continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are considering to take some concrete measures to avoid such situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The prices of some foodgrains and cash crops have declined during the last one year or so. The market prices of paddy, wheat, soyabean, sunflower seeds, copra, rapeseed/mustard seeds, etc., are reported to be ruling below the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) fixed by the Government at some places in thecountry. The fall in prices may be attributed to increased availability of foodgrains, import of edible oils, lower international prices, etc.

(c)&(d): The Government has already taken necessary steps in the countryand these include implementation of the MSPs and Market Intervention Scheme(MIS), procurement of agricultural commodities, relaxations in uniform specificationsand using instruments of trade to discourage imports and encourage exports.